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1. Two T-34 tanks and a JS tank were in the yard of the See Kaserne, Neuruppin (N 53/Z 49), on 22 July 1950. An SP gun was seen in the yard on 31 July 1950. There was no apparent change in the occupation of the billeting area.

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2. Three T-34 tanks were parked at the western gate of the Fridericus Kaserne on 25 July 1950. Two T-34 tanks were seen there on 3 August 1950. A shed with ten doors for the storage of tanks was constructed southwest of the north gate. Ten T-34 tanks were parked beside the shed.

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3. A rocket launcher and two howitzers of 100 to 120 mm caliber were in the yard on 29 July 1950.

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5.

Soldiers training with four 120-mm mortars were in the training area of Scholtenplatz on 1 August 1950. The units stationed in the See Kaserne and Friedrich-Franz Kaserne parked their weapons and motor vehicles on Scholtenplatz.

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6. A list of six sentries furnished by a unit under the command of Captain Kudryavtsev, (fnu), was found on Scholtenstrasse on 20 July 1950. The first sentry was to stay at the flag, the second at the "GSM" fuel dump, the third at the motor vehicle parking lot, the fourth at the ration supply storeroom, the fifth at the clothing supply storeroom and the sixth at an unidentified place, the location having been torn off.

7. The Panzer Kaserne, composed of nine barracks, each housing two or three Soviet companies, and three temporary barracks each housing one company, was occupied to capacity on 22 August 1950. About 50 percent of the troops were recruits. Twenty-five tanks were in the billeting area and more tanks were parked in the woods north of the billeting area.

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8. On 23 August 1950 the Friedrich-Franz Kaserne, composed of three barracks each housing three or four companies, was occupied to capacity by recruits. Some recruits were even billeted in the attics. Drivers' training was seen. Heavy weapons were not noticed. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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9. On 23 August 1950, the See Kaserne, a four-story building capable of accommodating 500 to 600 troops, was occupied to capacity by recruits wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Drivers' training was seen. No heavy weapons were observed.

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* **Comment:** The report indicates that most of the component units of the 12th Gds Tank Div stationed in Neuruppin were still in their billeting areas on 23 August 1950.

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small units of the division were in the Jueterbog area in mid-July 1950 and that other small units with rocket launchers, AT guns and mortars were loaded on trains at Neuruppin on 16 August 1950. It is believed that the small units left the post only for short field exercises, while most of the component units of the 12th Gds Tank Div conducted their summer training in the vicinity of the post.

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